

2010 ETWHA High Point Program

Changes from 2009:

1. As the Annual Membership meeting on 2/14/2010, members voted to abolish the deadline for becoming a High Point member. Points accumulation for new members begins 7 days after payment is received and will not be counted retroactively (i.e. points earned before joining will not count).
2. The ETWHA board voted to recognize two Trainers of the Year—Performance and Pleasure. In 2010, the East Tennessee Trainer's Association will calculate TIP payouts based on ETWHA High Point rules. Two additional High Point categories were added-4 Year Old Stallion-Open and 4 Year Old Mare & Gelding-Open.
3. Youth classes—points for leased horses will be counted for shows after the lease is received. Points will not be retroactive (i.e. points earned before the lease is received will not count).

General

1. The purpose of the ETWHA High Point Program is to recognize horses that consistently show and place in classes designated as High Point categories at ETWHA affiliated shows. In the program, there are 46 performance, flat-shod, and halter categories. A High Point Chairperson is elected at the Annual ETWHA Membership meeting in January and is responsible for tabulating the results throughout the year. High Point Awards are given out to first and second place horses in each category the following year at the annual Awards Banquet. See attachment A for details on the official High Point categories.
2. Only classes from horse shows affiliated with ETWHA will count in the High Point program. To affiliate, the show must:
 - a. Supply a licensed DQP
 - b. Offer an ETWHA Members Only Specialty performance class. For Pleasure Only shows, the ETWHA Members Only class must be a flat shod class (trail pleasure, lite-shod, or park pleasure). Points won in an ETWHA Members Only pleasure class will only be counted toward Pleasure Horse of the Year in the ETWHA High Point Program.
 - c. Provide show results to the Highpoint Chairperson within 2 weeks after the show
 - d. Offer a minimum of eight walking classes
 - e. Provide class sheet to the ETWHA Newsletter Editor 30 days prior to the date of the show
 - f. Not conflict with another ETWHA affiliated show within 100 miles on the same date.

The affiliated show circuit boundaries consist of:
North to Tazewell, VA
East to Asheville, NC
South to Ooltewah, TN
West to Harriman, TN
3. Points are awarded based on the number of ribbons given at each show. For example, at a 5 ribbon show, the first place horse in a high point category class would receive 5 points, the second place horse 4 points, etcetera. No point can be switched from one class to another. Classes added to the show program after it was provided to the Newsletter Editor will not be counted. Classes that are split due to the number of horses are an exception. For example, Youth 11 and Under classes are often split into (A) and (B) sections at larger shows. Both classes would be recognized for points.
4. Horse Industry Organization (HIO) records will be the official record used by the High Point Chairperson for counting points. The owner and trainer listed in the HIO record will be used to determine if a horse qualifies for points.

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Membership/Participation in the High Point Program

1. To be included in the High Points program, the owner of the participating horse must join ETWHA. Dues are \$35. If a member joins after show season starts, points earned before joining ETWHA will not count.
2. A High Point membership may be held by an individual or a family. A family membership is defined as a husband, wife, or legal guardian, and any children who are under the age of 18 on January 1 of the current year. Any family member who turns 18 as of January 1 must have a separate High Point membership to participate.
3. In the case of partnership horses, all partners must be High Point members.
4. In the majority of categories, points are awarded to the HORSE regardless of rider as long as the owner of the horse is a High Point member in good-standing. Exceptions to this rule are juvenile classes and the ETWHA Members Only Specialty class. Horses participating in these classes must be owned by the juvenile or by the juvenile's immediate family (mother, father, grandparents, or siblings) or the rider in the case of the ETWHA Members Only class. If the horse is being leased, a formal lease agreement has to be provided to the High Points Chairperson.
5. ETWHA recognizes the top 3 high points winners in the ETWHA Members Only class with monetary awards at the awards banquet (first place \$500, second place \$300, third place \$200).
6. If a horse participating in the High Points program is sold during show season, the points follow the horse. If the purchaser is not an ETWHA High Points member, they have 30 days from the date of purchase to join ETWHA. It is the seller or buyer's responsibility to notify the High Point Chairperson of the sale of a participating horse.
7. If a horse is leased by a High Point member during the show season and the owner of the horse is not a High Points member, the member must present a copy of the lease agreement to the High Point Chairperson. Points accumulate after the lease is received.
8. The Two, Three, and Four Year Old Amateur High Point categories include all amateur classes in each age group. For example, the Two Year Old Amateur category includes points from Two Year Amateur, Two Year Old Amateur Mares/Geldings, Two Year Old Amateur Geldings/Stallions, and Two Year Old Amateur Stallions. The same would apply for Three and Four Year Old Amateur categories.

Horse and Rider of the Year Awards

The ETWHA High Point program recognizes the following Overall High Point awards based on participation in all walking classes at any ETWHA affiliated show:

- **Youth 11 and Under Rider of the Year**-based on total points accumulated for age 11 and Under High Point members showing in youth halter, performance, and flat-shod walking classes at any ETWHA affiliated show. This means that points may be earned in classes outside of the official ETWHA High Point categories. The rider must own or lease the horse and be a High Point member for points to qualify.
- **Youth 12 – 17 Rider of the Year**- based on total points accumulated for age 12 - 17 High Point members showing in youth halter, performance or flat-shod walking classes at any ETWHA affiliated show. This means that points may be earned in classes outside of the official ETWHA High Point categories. The rider must own or lease the horse and be a High Point member for points to qualify.
- **Amateur Rider of the Year**-based on total points accumulated for amateur High Point members (18 years of age or older) showing in halter, performance or flat-shod walking classes at any ETWHA affiliated show. This means that points may be earned in classes outside of the official ETWHA High Point categories. The rider and the horse owner must be a High Point member for points to qualify.
- **Pleasure Horse of the Year**- based on total points accumulated for horses shown in amateur or open flat-shod walking classes at any ETWHA affiliated show. This means that points may be earned in classes

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outside of the official ETWHA High Point categories. The rider and the horse owner must be a High Point member for points to qualify. Flat shod classes are defined as trail pleasure, lite-shod and park pleasure.

- **Performance Horse of the Year**- based on total points accumulated for horses shown in amateur or open performance walking classes at any ETWHA affiliated show. This means that points may be earned in classes outside of the official ETWHA High Point categories. The rider and the horse owner must be a High Point member for points to qualify. Performance classes include show pleasure and park performance.
- **Pleasure Trainer of the Year** – based on total points accumulated for horses under the direction of a trainer that are shown in amateur or open flat-shod walking classes (trail pleasure, lite-shod, or park pleasure) at any ETWHA affiliated show. Trainer is defined by who is listed in the official HIO records for each show. The rider, the horse owner, and the trainer must be a High Point member for points to qualify. The trainer gets points for horses shown where the trainer or the owner is listed as the official trainer of record in the HIO records. Assistant trainers working out of a head trainer's barn or anyone else listed as the official trainer in the HIO record will not be included in an individual trainer's total points. Horses listed under a trainer's official barn name will not be included in the individual trainer's points. The winner of this award will receive \$250.
- **Performance Trainer of the Year** – based on total points accumulated for horses under the direction of a trainer that are shown in amateur or open performance walking classes (including show pleasure and park performance) at any ETWHA affiliated show. Trainer is defined by who is listed in the official HIO records for each show. The rider, the horse owner, and the trainer must be a High Point member for points to qualify. The trainer gets points for horses shown where the trainer or the owner is listed as the official trainer of record in the HIO records. Assistant trainers working out of a head trainer's barn or anyone else listed as the official trainer in the HIO record will not be included in an individual trainer's total points. Horses listed under a trainer's official barn name will not be included in the individual trainer's points. The winner of this award will receive \$250.

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Attachment -A

2010 ETWHA High Point Categories

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Two Year Old Walking2. Two Year Old Stallion-Open3. Two Year Old Mare and Gelding-Open4. Two Year Old Amateur5. Three Year Old Walking6. Three Year Old Stallion-Open7. Three Year Old Mare & Gelding-Open8. Three Year Old Amateur9. Four Year Old Open Specialty or Canter10. Four Year Old Stallion-Open11. Four Year Old Mare & Gelding-Open12. Four Year Old Amateur13. Amateur Specialty14. Ladies Amateur Specialty(18 & over)15. Men's Amateur Specialty(18 & over)16. Open Specialty17. Amateur Owned & Trained(Canter or Specialty)18. 15.2 & Under Open(Canter or Specialty)19. 15.2 & Under Amateur Specialty20. Weanlings21. Yearlings22. ETWHA Members Only Specialty23. ETWHA Ladies Amateur Specialty(Ladies Auxiliary)-membership required24. Youth 17 & Under	<ol style="list-style-type: none">25. Youth 15 - 1726. Youth 12 – 1427. Youth 11 & Under28. Youth Lite Shod29. Youth Trail Pleasure30. Amateur Show Pleasure31. Show Pleasure Open Specialty32. Amateur Walking33. 17 & Under Walking Pony Specialty34. Adult Amateur Walking Pony Specialty35. Amateur 50 & Over Specialty36. Trail Pleasure Walking (Canter & Specialty)37. Plantation Lite Shod Amateur Specialty38. Plantation Lite Shod Open(Canter & Specialty)39. Plantation Pleasure Amateur Specialty40. Plantation Pleasure Open(Canter & Specialty)41. Plantation Pleasure Youth Specialty42. Walking Horse Open43. Park Performance Amateur44. Park Performance Open45. Pro-Am46. Country Pleasure
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